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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Edward Grube, age 37, of Marathon City, Wisconsin, was sentenced on Friday, January 5, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to five months in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release, for using a false social security number with intent to deceive. Grube pleaded guilty to the offense on November 7, 2006.

Grube used the name and social security number of his deceased brother to open up a checking account at a bank in Marathon, Wisconsin, and then wrote worthless checks on the account.

United States Attorney Erik C. Peterson said, "This case is another example of this office's ongoing commitment to bring to justice those individuals who choose to steal the identity information of others."

The charge against Grube was the result of an investigation conducted by the Marathon Police Department and the Social Security Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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